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SUBJECT: MILITARY COMMUNIQUE NO. 16/74 - ACTIONS BY ARMED
FORCES NEAR INHAMINGA

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 165

1. MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 16/74
OF MARCH 12 REFERS TO ACTIVITIES OF "TERRORISTS" IN INHAMINGA
REGION SINCE JANUARY, AND GIVES RESULTS OF RECENT OPERA-
TIONS (RENDERED DIFFICULT BY SEASONAL RAINS) AGAINST
GUERRILLAS.

2. AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION COLLECTED THROUGH HELP
OF "TERRORIST" LEADER NAMED I TORA, NATIONAL FORCES

LAUNCHED SERIES OF OPERATIONS FROM MARCH 6-10 WHICH HAD
FOLLOWING RESULTS:

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KA) GUERRILLA REFUGE WAS ATTACKED 15 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF

INHAMINGA IN WHICH 5 GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED, TWO CAPTURED, THREE AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND THREE SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES SEIZED.

(B) ANOTHER REFUGE WAS ATTACKED IN PANGACHE REGION ABOUT 10 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF INHAMINGA IN WHICH THREE GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED, 14 HUTS DESTROYED AND ONE AUTOMATIC RIFLE CAPTURED.

(C) CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH ANOTHER GROUP OF GUERRILLAS 15 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF INHAMINGA IN WHICH THREE WERE KILLED.

3. AMONG LOSSES SUFFERED BY ENEMY IS DEATH OF RUSSIA-TRAINED GUERRILLA LEADER NAMED PAULO, WHO CALLED HIMSELF "TIGER", AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LARGE NUMBER OF GUERRILLA ACTIONS IN THE AREA.

4. NATIONAL FORCES SUFFERED ONE DEATH DURING OPERATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE COMMUNIQUE.

5. COMMENT: PORTUGUESE FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED SIZEABLE DRIVE TO TRY CLEAN UP GUERRILLAS IN INHAMINGA REGION, AND ARE APPARENTLY HAVING SOME SUCCESS. SIGNIFICANTLY, THEY SEEM TO BE GETTING INFORMATION WHICH ENABLING THEM TO DISCOVER GUERRILLA REFUGES. GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN THE AREA SEEMS TO HAVE SLOWED DOWN. PRESS REPORTS FREIGHT TRAINS ON TRANS-ZAMBEZIA RAILROAD HAVE BEEN RUNNING FOR PAST TWO WEEKS AND PASSENGER SERVICE HAS RESUMED.
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